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Mr. Jeff Tillman, Vice President, General Manager
South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. T.S./MRF
2140 Ruth Avenue
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: SITE VISIT DURING SURVEY WEEK JUNE 9-13, 2003
South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. T.S./MRF - SWIS # 09-AA-0002

Dear Mr. Tillman:

In a continued effort to increase the accuracy of disposal reporting, unannounced site visits at landfills and transfer stations are being conducted throughout the state. The purpose of these visits is to determine whether waste origin information is being collected as required by Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 18805-18810, and to observe how the surveys are being conducted. These regulations specify that all permitted solid waste facilities are to conduct, at a minimum, quarterly surveys to obtain information on the jurisdiction(s) of origin for each vehicle load, including self-hauled waste, delivered to the facility during the required survey weeks.

During the origin survey week, June 9-13, 2003, California Integrated Waste Management Board (Board) staff brought waste to South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. T.S./MRF. No questions were asked regarding the origin of the waste at the gatehouse. Board staff identified themselves and explained the purpose of the site visit to the gate attendant. Staff also gave the attendant a letter explaining the survey week site visit.

After observing the procedures at South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc. T.S./MRF during the above mentioned survey week, there was no evidence that the facility operator was conducting the required origin survey for the week June 9-13, 2003, as required by the performance standards set forth in Title 14 CCR Section 18805. See attachment. Further, there is no record of or documentation that the City of South Lake Tahoe has requested and received Board approval of an alternate survey week.

Please respond to this letter in writing with a detailed explanation of your process for determining the origin of waste disposed at your facility within 30 days of the date of this letter.

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A future follow-up visit may be made to the facility. The next survey week is September 8-14, 2003.

If you have any further questions regarding the visit to your facility, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-6204.

Sincerely,

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cc: **Adrian Gooch
City of South Lake Tahoe**

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Attachment